

Kindly add the following new claims.

21. (New) A method of disabling a vehicle comprising:
initializing a vehicle disablement apparatus by loading a payment interval;
receiving a code via a keypad;
comparing the code received via the keypad with a reference code; and
disabling a system which supports causing ignition in an engine of the vehicle if,
prior to the expiration of the payment interval, there is no agreement between the code
received via the keypad and the reference code, wherein said system includes only
components not dedicated to directly causing a spark to initiate combustion.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the initializing step further
comprises:
connecting a host computing apparatus to a client computing apparatus.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the initializing step further
comprises:
providing the client computing apparatus with a database including a plurality of
payment due deadline data elements.

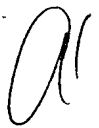
24. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
computing a plurality of payment due deadlines based on the payment interval.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising:
receiving another code via the keypad;
comparing the another code with another reference code; and
disabling the system which supports causing ignition if, prior to the expiration of
one of the plurality of payment due deadlines, there is no agreement between the code

received via the keypad and the reference code, wherein the reference code is associated with the one of the plurality of payment due deadlines.

26. (New) A method of disabling a vehicle comprising:
initializing a vehicle disablement apparatus by storing a plurality of reference codes;
receiving a code via a keypad;
comparing the code received via the keypad with the one of the reference codes;
and

disabling a system which supports causing ignition in an engine of the vehicle if, prior to the expiration of a payment interval, there is no agreement between the code received via the keypad and the reference code, wherein said system includes only components not dedicated to directly causing a spark to initiate combustion.

 27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the initializing step further comprises:

connecting a host computing apparatus to a client computing apparatus.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the payment interval is loaded during the initializing step.

29. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
computing a plurality of payment due deadlines based on the payment interval.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
receiving another code via the keypad;
comparing the another code with another reference code; and
disabling the system which supports causing ignition if, prior to the expiration of one of the plurality of payment due deadlines, there is no agreement between the code

received via the keypad and the reference code, wherein the reference code is associated with the one of the plurality of payment due deadlines.

31. (New) An apparatus for disabling a vehicle comprising:
a memory which is loaded with a payment interval during initialization of the apparatus;
a keypad which receives code;
a processor which compares the received code with a reference code; and
an interruption circuit which disables a system which supports causing ignition in an engine of the vehicle if there is no agreement between the received code and the reference code prior to the expiration of the interval, wherein said system includes only components not dedicated to directly causing a spark to initiate combustion.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising:
a connector which connects a host computing apparatus to a client computing apparatus for initialization.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the memory stores a database including a plurality of payment due deadline data elements provided by the host computing apparatus.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, the processor computes a plurality of payment due deadlines based on the payment interval.
